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MEDIA

-- IN A NEW PUBLIC AFFAIRS INITIATIVE, CTS JUNE 14
PRESENTED TAPED ENGLISH-LANGUAGE ROUND-TABLE INTERVIEW
WITH PROF. LUTTWAK BY FOUR CHINESE REPORTERS AND MODERATOR.
CONTENT WAS UNUSUALLY FRANK AND OBJECTIVE AS LUTTWAK
DISCUSSED HIS OBSERVATIONS ON CHINA MAINLAND, MADE
COMPARISONS WITH TAIWAN AND ANALYZED U.S.-CHINA POLICY.
BOTH LUTTWAK AND REPORTERS FREQUENTLY USED WORDS "PEKING"
AND LUTTWAK CONSTANTLY SAID "PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC
OF CHINA," ALTHOUGH CHINESE SUBTITLES DID NOT. LUTTWAK'S
ANALYSIS CLEARLY IMPLIED EVENTUAL U.S. DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
WITH PRC. AS CHINA NEWS NEXT DAY NOTED: "IF ANY CUTS
HAD TO BE MADE BECAUSE OF CENSORSHIP, THEY WERE NOT OBVIOUS."

-- ANOTHER NEW DEVELOPMENT WAS JUNE 14 GIO ANNOUNCEMENT
IT WILL SUGGEST WAYS GOVERNMENT AGENCIES CAN BETTER TAKE
INITIATIVE IN GIVING SPECIFIC AND ACCURATE EXPLANATIONS
OF "SPECIAL INCIDENTS" WHICH DO NOT INVOLVE NATIONAL
DEFENSE SECRETS. THE GIO STATEMENT WAS REPLY TO
CONTROL YUAN INVESTIGATION. ONE PAPER NOTED GIO HAD
BEEN CRITICIZED FOR PAST FAILURE TO PUBLISH DETAILS
OF "SPECIAL INCIDENTS" WHICH CAUSED SPECULATION AT HOME
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AND TWISTING BY FOREIGN WIRE SERVICES.

2. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

-- AMERICAN SPECIALIST MURRAY WEIDENBAUM GAVE EXCELLENT
PERFORMANCE IN SERIES OF LECTURES AND SEMINARS WHICH WERE
VERY USEFUL IN REACHING POST PRIMARY AUDIENCE IN ECONOMIC
FIELD. HIGH POINT OF TAIPEI PROGRAMS WAS SEMINAR ON
"ECONOMIC PLANNING IN MARKET ECONOMY" FOR BLUE RIBBON
AUDIENCE OF 28 GOVERNMENT AND ACADEMIC ECONOMISTS,

INCLUDING DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF CENTRAL BANK, AT GROE ECONOMIC
PLANNING COUNCIL. THOUGH NOT ALL PARTICIPANTS AGREED WITH
WEIDENBAUM'S CRITICAL VIEWS ON EFFICACY OF CENTRAL
GOVERNMENT PLANNING, COUNCIL VICE CHAIRMAN COMMENTED EXCHANGE
OF VIEWS WAS "EFFECTIVE AND USEFUL." IN INFORMAL LECTURE/
DISCUSSION AT ROC LEGISLATURE, WEIDENBAUM EXPRESSED STRONG
CONFIDENCE IN U.S. ECONOMY AND TOOK ADVOCATE'S VIEW IN
DEFENDING U.S. TRADE POLICIES FOR HIGH RANKING GROUP OF
ECONOMISTS AND FINANCIERS, INCLUDING VICE MINISTER OF
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, VICE MINISTER OF FINANCE, AND NATIONAL
LEGISLATOR. WEIDENBAUM ALSO LECTURED ON U.S. ECONOMY FOR
AUDIENCE CONSISTING PRIMARILY OF BUSINESSMEN AT USIS. IN
ALL PROGRAMS, WEIDENBAUM WAS LOW KEY BUT UNABASHED IN HIS
DEFENSE OF U.S. ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE AND USG TRADE POLICIES.
OVERALL, HE GAVE EXCELLENT SUPPORT POST CPM OBJECTIVE 2.
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